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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Lujan, B.      **DATE TYPED** 2/28/05      **HB** 1008/aHJC

**SHORT TITLE** Eliminate Various Health Care Committees      **SB** \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
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### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

Human Services Department (HSD)

New Mexico Health Policy Commission (NMHPC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of HJC Amendment

The House Judiciary Committee Amendment excludes The Interagency Committee on Long-Term Care from the provisions in the bill eliminating certain health advisory committees.

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 1008 repeals sections of the Medical Student Loan for Service Act and the Health Professional Loan Repayment Act establishing the Health Professions Advisory Committee and deletes references to this committee in programs, including the Medical Student Loan for Service, Osteopathic Medical Student Loan, Nursing Student Loan for Service, the Allied Health Student Loan for Service, as well as references within the Health Professional Loan Repayment Act. These programs are currently administered by the New Mexico Commission on Higher Education (NMCHE). HB 1008 eliminates the NMHPC's Advisory Committee on data matters and the Health Information Alliance established under the Health Information System Act. The Interagency Committee on Long-Term Care and the Adult Protective Services Advisory Board are also eliminated.

Significant Issues

HB 1008 streamlines certain agencies by repealing specific advisory committees or boards that are outdated and no longer serve their originally intended purpose, and does not impact the manner in which the programs are currently administered. NMCHE has been administering the multiple Loans for Service Programs since the Allied Health Professional Loan for Service Act was enacted in 1995.

Additional changes would include the elimination of the Health Information System Advisory Committee (HISAC) and the Health Information Alliance established on behalf of the HPC.

The Health Information Alliance has not been functional for several years. According to the HPC, the HISAC meets quarterly and serves a useful purpose.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

The NMHPC reports that the Commission will not suffer from the repeal of these committees.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The HPC indicates they have not reimbursed nor paid per diem to any HISAC member for participating in the committee, and reports no financial benefit from repeal. HPC indicates the committee will continue to meet as they have been, even though they no longer would be statutorily required to do so. From this comment it appears the HPC will continue to absorb costs related to this effort.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?**

The Medical Loan for Service and the Health Professional Loan Repayment program statutes will not be consistent with current practice.

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